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SHAMROCK IN AFLOAT

Successful Launch of Lipton's New Challenger.

BUILT ON NEW LINES

SHORTER KEEL AND SHARPER LINES FORWARD.

Old Style Tiller Replaced by Wheel—What Sir Thomas Has to Say.

GLASGOW, March 17.—The Shamrock III was launched today under the most successful conditions. Lady Shaftesbury, wife of the commodore of the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, christened the yacht in the presence of a number of distinguished guests. Shamrocks and hopefulness were much in evidence. Sir Thomas Lipton divided 2,000 bunches of the former in honor of St. Patrick and the new boat, and voiced the general sentiment of hopefulness by saying: "With just a little slice of luck the battered old tug will win a resting place on this side of the water."

Large crowds gathered at the Denny's yards at Dumbarton, in spite of the dreaching rain, which, however, ceased before the arrival of the special visitors' train. Sir Thomas Lipton escorted Lady Shaftesbury to the christening dais. Among others on the platform were the Earl and Countess of Mar and Kelley, Lord Ovenshott, Lord Provost of Glasgow, the son of Charles Russell, Reginald Ward, Wm. Fife and Captains Wringe and Bevis.

At 1:15 p.m. Lady Shaftesbury broke the bottle, saying: "I christen you Shamrock, may God bless you and may you bring back the cup."

Then, amid loud cheers, the Shamrock III sailed easily into the water.

After more cheering the visitors proceeded to luncheon.

Features of the New Yacht.

An examination of Shamrock III, as the yacht was revealed in the launching shed, confirmed the previous dispatches of the Associated Press on the subject, and showed that the hull had struck out boldly on entirely novel lines, instead of trying to think or improve on either of the previous Lipton challengers. The hull was white and the fin, suggesting the deep body typical of the British cutter, rather than the extreme flat-bottomed type, adapted from the American center-board yachts, and used in all the recent challenges.

Wheel Replaces Tiller.
American wheel steering for the first time replaces the British tiller, and the lesson learned with the Shamrock II through its pounding in head seas has led to a longer and finer drawn bow, giving the challenger the appearance of being a boat capable of negotiating comfortably any moderate sea. With lesser draught and not so flat-floored as the previous Shamrock, the new boat will not have so much stability, so the hull has been given a light weather bow or he has cut down her sail area. There are being, novel features in the design, the effect of which cannot be accurately gauged except by actual trial.

The underbody of the Shamrock III is painted with a white, anti-fouling compound. Her topides are white and she has broad bands of green along the water line and rail. Her hull, frames and plates are of nickel steel, and the hull is covered with a deck of aluminum plates covered with wood fiber, which gives a safe foothold. The workmanship of the yacht is superb in every detail, and the finish is visible under the polish of her paint.

Sir Thomas Lipton's View.
After the launch Sir Thomas Lipton said: "My third and perhaps my last attempt at lifting the America's cup will be the most serious and I think the most hopeful of my efforts. The Reliance may beat us, but it will not be because I have not got the best boat British brains and workmen can produce. The Reliance may beat us, but it will stay there because of the extraordinary genius of the American yacht builder. If he can produce a still further improvement in his art, he will be able to do so with a bit more than human. There is no question that the best boat wins in the international races. I believe the Shamrock III will come sailing in America to my mind she is a marvel in which Fife and Watson have outdone themselves. With good trial races and no accidents her arrival in New York will mark the coming of the most formidable challenger ever sent over. I scarcely need add that much as I long to win and expect to win. A third defeat in the hands of the Reliance for a people who can beat us at a game that was once our own."

Cup Must Be Home-Sick.
In a speech after the luncheon Sir Thomas Lipton said the America's cup must now be home-sick. Here they had learned lessons from the past, and they were never more confident. They had fifty years' experience with American yachts and yachtsmen, and none would cheer a Shamrock victory more heartily than the Americans.

The toast, "King Edward and President Roosevelt," was drunk with musical honors.

The Lord provost proposed "Success to the Shamrock and her owner," saying the only way Sir Thomas Lipton could win in America was to lift the cup. He hoped Sir Thomas would crown the triumph of Shamrocks by a third defeat in the hands of the Reliance in British and in American waters which he so dearly coveted.

The Lord provost also expressed the wish that some "diplomatic Pierpont Morgan" would organize a vast international combine, relegate the fighting navies of the world to the scrap heap and replace them with Shamrocks as a means of settling differences."

MURDER OR SUICIDE

Mangled Remains of Man Found on Tracks at Akron, Ohio.

AKRON, Ohio, March 17.—The horribly mangled body of a man was found on the tracks of the Erie railway here early today. The police believe that he was either murdered and placed on the track or that he committed suicide. There is a bullet hole in his side, and one of the chambers of a revolver in his pocket was empty. A card bearing the inscription "My name is J. J. Miller, street, Youngstown, Ohio," was found on the remains.

TRACKMEN GET DUCKED

PARKERSBURG FIREMEN OUT-FLANK THE B. AND O.

Impeachment Proceedings Against the Mayor for Taking Sides With Railroad.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 17.—The Baltimore and Ohio railroad, claiming the right under an ordinance adopted in 1852, brought a force of men into town before daylight this morning and began to lay a track for five blocks over one of the principal streets of the city. The police had been notified of their coming, and had been instructed to call out the fire department if an attempt was made to lay a track. The department responded, and poured such a stream of water on the men that they had to abandon the street.

A clash occurred between the mayor, who is attorney for the Baltimore and Ohio, and the city council. The mayor had directed the police and fire departments not to interfere with the building of the track, but the council countermanded his orders, and the police stood with the council and the citizens.

Following the excitement of the early morning, the city council held a special meeting at 10 o'clock, at which impeachment proceedings were begun against Mayor J. W. Vandervoort. He was suspended from office, and inunction proceedings were begun in the circuit court. Calls have been issued for men to protect the street from any further interference, and hundreds are responding.

FOR ENLISTED MEN.

Building to Be Erected on Military Reservation Near Manila.

In conformity with a provision of the army appropriation act, Secretary Root has accepted the sum of \$10,000 tendered the government by Chaplain C. C. Pierce, U. S. A., now on duty at Fort Myer, Va., and the daughters of the American Revolution. This sum was donated for the purpose of erecting a memorial building for the benefit of the enlisted men in the Philippines. The language of the bill gives the Secretary of War the privilege of naming the army post where such structure shall be located. The commanding general at Manila will be advised of this provision and will detail a board of officers to select the site, which will undoubtedly be on the new military reservation near Manila.

GOOD MARKSMANSHIP.

Rear Admiral Evans' Fleet Improving Its Target Practice.

Acting Secretary Darling has addressed to Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic fleet, a communication expressing approbation of the vigorous and intelligent efforts made by the fleet to improve its target practice, and expressing the hope that the excellent results obtained with the smaller caliber guns will soon be observed in the eight and thirteen-inch guns.

The following men are named as having especially distinguished themselves in marksmanship: Kentucky—Six-pounder rapid-fire guns, J. S. O'Brien, ordinary seaman; H. W. Stratton, apprentice, first class; five-inch rapid-fire guns, L. R. Hawley, seaman, and R. W. B. Wagner, seaman.

New Orleans—Six-pounder rapid-fire guns, T. Crawford, coxswain; J. Morency, corporal, U. S. M. C.; six-inch rapid-fire guns, A. Ludquist, coxswain.

Philadelphia—Six-pounder rapid-fire guns, D. Humphreys, ordinary seaman.

MANY JUSTICES NAMED.

Members of the Court of Private Land Claims Nominated.

The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: Judge of the court of private land claims—Chief Justice, Joseph H. Reed, Iowa; associate justices, Henry C. Sluss, Kansas; William W. Murray, Tennessee; Wilbur F. Stone, Colorado; Frank I. Osborne, North Carolina.

Postmasters—Indiana: Charles Schalk, Chestown; Clydes M. Swagwood, Waterloo.

Also a large number of promotions in the army, navy and marine corps.

TASK NEARLY CONCLUDED.

Deliberations of the Coal Strike Commission About Over.

Commissioner Carroll D. Wright, recorder of the coal strike commission, said today that the work of the commission was nearly concluded. The finishing touches are being put on the report, and it will be placed in the hands of the President in a few days.

ENSIGN WORTMAN ACQUITTED.

Commander Winslow Arrives With Record and Findings.

Commander Winslow of the bureau of navigation, who acted as judge advocate of the court which tried Ensign H. K. Wortman at Pensacola, Fla., to determine the extent of his responsibility for the explosion in the 6-inch gun turret of the battle ship Massachusetts during the winter maneuvers off Cuba, reached Washington today with the record and findings of the court.

Acting Secretary Darling announced this afternoon that the court had found Ensign Wortman not guilty of the charges against him, and he has been accordingly acquitted of responsibility for the disaster.

OFFICIALS TAKE CHARGE.

Recent Interior Department Changes Go Into Effect.

Frank H. Campbell, formerly assistant secretary of the interior, today assumed his new duties as assistant attorney general for the Interior Department.

Melville W. Miller of Lafayette, Ind., also qualified as assistant secretary of the interior.

THE BYRNE NOMINATION.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary today held a meeting for the purpose of considering the nomination of W. M. Byrne to be district attorney for the district of Delaware, but failed to agree upon a report. Of the eight senators present four were favorable to confirmation and four were unfavorable to confirmation.

The nomination of William A. Day of the District of Columbia, to be assistant attorney to the Attorney General, was confirmed by the Senate today, as well as several other nominations in the navy.

Mr. Day's Nomination Confirmed.

NEW CENSUS DIRECTOR

S. N. D. NORTH TO SUCCEED MR. MERRIAM.

Sketch of His Career—Has Been a Newspaper Man and Statistician.

Official announcement was made at the White House today that the successor of William R. Merriam as director of the census will be S. N. D. North, who was formerly the chief statistician in the division of manufactures in the census office. The position was tendered to Mr. North and accepted by him, and Mr. North will enter upon his duties some time in May. Although Mr. North's standing in statistical work is high and his ability and fitness for the position unquestioned, the announcement of his selection was a surprise, in view of the general belief that ex-Representative Mercer was so strong that he would be selected for the place. The President has at no time, however, indicated that Mr. Mercer stood a chance of selection, merely saying that the like of Mr. Mercer, and would be glad to consider him for the place.

Mr. S. Newton Dexter North was born in Clinton, N. Y., November 23, 1849. He was given a thorough education under the direction of his father, who for more than twenty years was professor of Greek at Hamilton College. Mr. North was educated at this institution, and on being graduated entered the newspaper business.

He became attached to the Utica (N. Y.) Herald, of which he was part owner and managing editor from 1873 to 1880. During the latter year he acquired an interest in the Albany Express, of which he became the managing editor. Mr. North was the Washington correspondent of both the Utica Herald and the Albany Express, and was connected with them for many years. He made the acquaintance of many public men through his service in this city and became known to the President through the time he spent in the Albany Express for three years, when, 1889, he was elected secretary of the wool manufacturers' association of Boston, Mass., which position he has held ever since.

His Census Work.

In 1880 Mr. North was selected to prepare the newspaper statistics for the tenth census, and in 1885 completed the preparations for the taking of the New York state census. In 1890 he was selected to make a special report on wool manufacturers for the eleventh census, and in 1894 was secretary of the republican branch of the Senate committee on finance. While engaged in his duties at the Capitol as a correspondent, Mr. North attracted the attention of the late President McKinley, who was then on the committee of ways and means of the House of Representatives. Mr. McKinley had charge of the preparation of the tariff bill passed during his last term in Congress, and which was known as the McKinley bill, and Mr. North was charged with the making of the tariff schedules. Later he performed the same service for Representative Dingley. His work secured for him the position of chief statistician in the census office, which he held until he was appointed by President McKinley in 1898. A year later, at the earnest solicitation of Mr. McKinley, he resigned from the industrial commission to become chief statistician in charge of the division of manufactures of the twelfth census. The work of Mr. North in this division has attracted attention throughout the world, and his thorough knowledge of the statistics, not only of his special division, but of all the various divisions of the census, made him a valuable aid to Director Merriam.

Less than a month ago Mr. North found that his colleagues on the staff of the National Wool Manufacturers' Association if he desired to keep up the work of his division at the census office, and as he preferred the former of the two positions he tendered his resignation to Director Merriam about the middle of February and left the office February 25.

A Candidate for the First.

Mr. North was mentioned for the position of director to succeed Mr. Merriam from the first, although his candidacy has been kept quiet by his friends. He was strongly inclined, however, and his selection by President Roosevelt is no surprise to his former associates. He was popular with all the employees of the census office, and his departure from the office was the occasion of general regret.

Within the last few weeks Mr. North made an address to the convention of the National Wool Growers' Association at Kansas City, Mo., in which he urged upon them the establishment of closer relations with the Wool Manufacturers' Association. These two associations have been at odds for years, and it has been the endeavor of Mr. North to secure harmony between them. It is his hope that the result of his more recent efforts, and that the old rivalry will cease.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Edward Beach of Boston and Mr. C. E. Pickard of Chicago are at the Shoreham. Mr. H. A. Stohmeyer of Montclair, N. J., and Mr. J. P. Scheller of New York are at the Arlington.

Mr. S. A. Rothwell of Chicago and Mr. J. M. Richards of West Virginia are at the New Willard.

Mr. E. K. Voorhees of Memphis, Tenn., and Mr. W. H. McGuffey of Cincinnati are at the Raleigh.

Jose Estrada Palma, son of President Palma of Cuba, who is a student at Columbia University, New York, is in Washington visiting Minister Quintana at the Cuban legation.

Louise Vandevanter left today for St. Louis where he will hear argument Wednesday in the Northern Securities case.

Paymaster Franklin W. Hart, United States navy, is visiting his parents, Capt. and Mrs. A. Hart at 2005 Kalorama avenue.

Good Shooting on the Massachusetts.

The battle ship Massachusetts, at Pensacola, in firing with sub-caliber guns at a moving target, 200 yards, but so moving that it was equivalent to a target 17 feet in size, hit equivalent to a target 17 feet in size, at a distance of 1,700 yards, with a turret gun, made ten hits out of ten shots, and with a broadside gun made six hits out of seven shots.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Wyoming is Solid for the President.

SENATOR CLARK TALKS IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

Effort to Change the Harbor Line of New York City—Today's Cabinet Meeting.

Nearly every republican of prominence in Wyoming has repudiated the accuracy of statements in the recent interview of Gov. Richards of that state criticizing the position of President Roosevelt in the matter of forest reserves, and threatening an opposition delegation from the state to the next republican national convention. Both the Wyoming senators have given the President assurance that the republicans of the state are overwhelmingly for him for the republican nomination for President.

Representative Mondell has done likewise, and now have the republican national committee with a repudiation of the views of Gov. Richards. Senator Clark called on the President today and read him some extracts from a letter he had received from George E. Pexton, the republican national committeeman of the state. In one place in the letter Mr. Pexton says:

"It would be just as easy to bottle a March blizzard on the Laramie plains as to prevent sending a Roosevelt delegation from this state to our next national convention."

Commenting on the letter from Mr. Pexton, Secretary of the State, Mr. Clark said something of the situation in Wyoming. He said:

"The extract from the letter of Mr. Pexton shows up the exact situation as it is in Wyoming as well as it could be done in an interview of a column in length. People of the state have the most implicit confidence in the President, and they are personally, but in the wisdom of his administration. They believe that he knows them and has a personal interest in the welfare of the state. He has been in many ways and on many different occasions. The general policy of forest reservation meets their unqualified approval. They believe that the President is doing for the preservation of the forests. There have been matters of detail in the local administration and supervision of some of the reserves, but these have been applied to time to time criticism in individual cases, but these have been matters of detail, and whenever attention has been called to them the remedy has been applied as speedily as possible. No, there is nothing that the President has done in the way of the administration of any of the affairs connected with the forest reserves that has taken from him the wonderful esteem and popularity in which he has always been held in this section of the country. As George Pexton says, there would be just as much chance of stopping a March blizzard on the Laramie plains as to prevent sending a Roosevelt delegation to the next national convention from Wyoming."

New York's Harbor Line.

McDougal Hawkes, dock commissioner of New York, said the President and discussed with him the desire of the city officials of New York to change the lines in the harbor of New York to accommodate certain improvements that are earnestly desired. The work of Mr. North in this place of water-front improvement has been undertaken is that known as the "Chelsea improvement," extending from 23d street to 10th street, on the North river, now under way. It is contemplated to build some immense new slips for large transatlantic steamers. The slips are to be 300 feet wide and 1,000 feet long. It will be necessary, so as to secure the depth that is wanted, to shift the harbor lines out into the river, which is only 2,700 feet across at this point. The sanction of the government must be obtained to an extension of the harbor line, and this is a matter which the White House is now considering. Mr. Hawkes called on the President to talk with him on this matter, and took away from the President the assurance that the White House is not in a position to say that if it was possible to accommodate Mayor Low and Mr. Hawkes to please do so. The President said that the War Department is that if the slips were extended as far as 1,000 feet the channel of the river would be seriously interfered with. Some of the big new transatlantic steamers are entirely too large for slips less than 1,000 feet long.

The President's Church.

Rev. John M. Schick, pastor of Grace Reformed Church, 18th and O streets, and church attended by the President, saw the President today morning. The dedication of the new church is to take place on June 1, and Mr. Schick hopes the President will be back in Washington from his western trip in time to take part in the ceremony. The date for the dedication is June 1, and Mr. Schick hopes the President will be back in Washington from his western trip in time to take part in the ceremony.

Mr. Schick, in response to some questions, said that the church is in practically no difference between the two churches, said Mr. Schick. "Their terms of worship, catholicism and other books are the same."

The Coal Strike Report.

Carroll D. Wright of the coal strike commission today in a conference with Secretary Cortelyou. Mr. Wright said that the finishing touches are being placed on the report of the commission to be submitted to the President and that the document will be handed to the President within a few days.

The Cabinet Meeting.

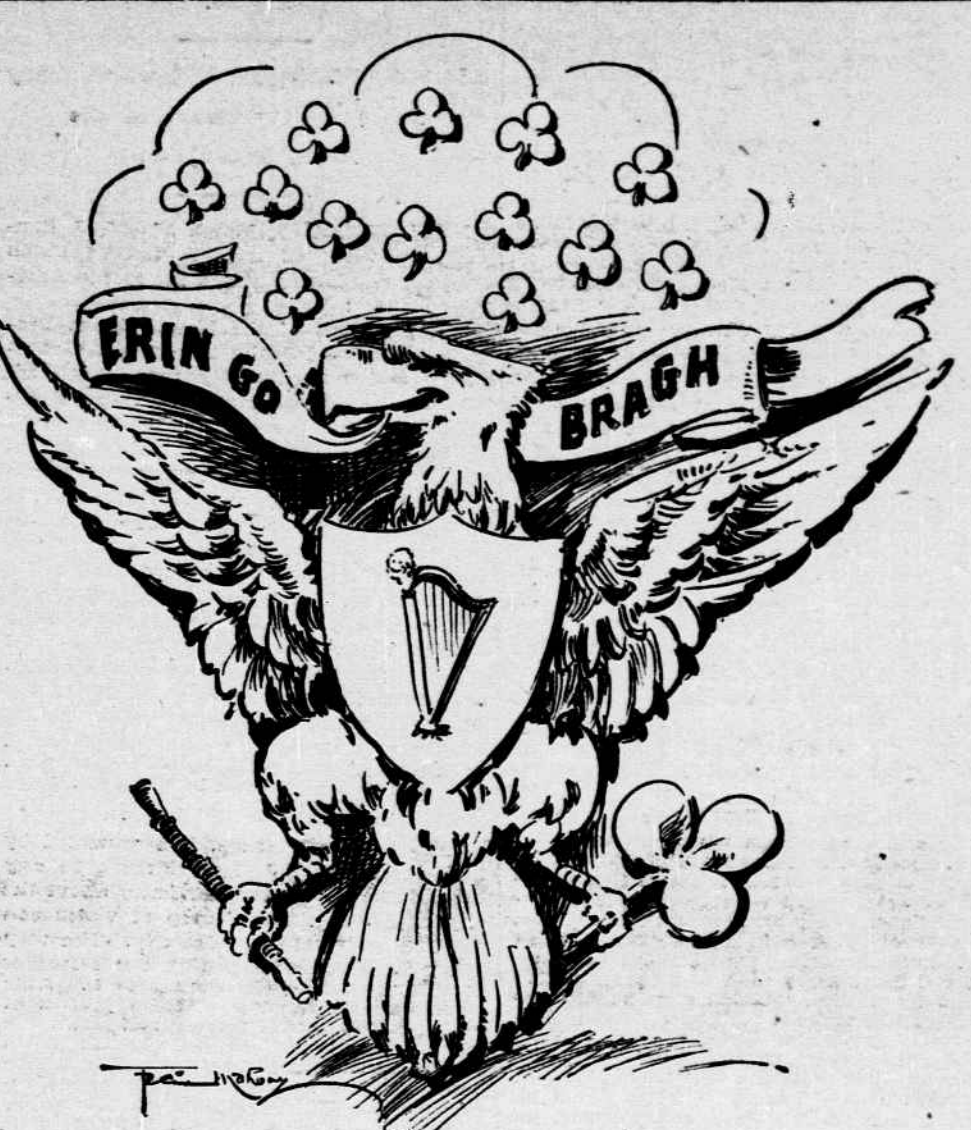
Only four members attended the cabinet meeting today—Secretaries Hay, Shaw, Moody, Postmaster General Payne and Attorney General Knox being out of the city. The meeting lasted less than an hour and it was stated at its conclusion that the business of importance was discussed. Secretary Root remained with the President for a considerable time after the meeting, discussing with him some departmental matters and the details of the President's approaching western trip, on which he will accompany the President.

Justice Day Better.

Dr. Hardin, after his morning visit to Justice Day, issued the following bulletin: "Justice Day slept well last night and is doing well this morning. He has passed the critical stage of the disease and convalescence has apparently begun."

Slept Well Last Night and Has Passed Critical Stage.

At the Arlington Hotel at 3 o'clock this afternoon it was said that Justice Day was feeling much better.



COMING ARMY CHANGES.

New Heads of the Quartermaster and Inspector General's Departments.

It seems to be generally accepted in army circles that Col. C. F. Humphrey is to be appointed quartermaster general, and Col. G. H. Burton to be appointed inspector general, each with the rank of brigadier general, as the successors, respectively, of Generals Ludington and Breckinridge, who retire on the 15th prox. It is said that Colonel Humphrey has given a satisfactory explanation of the charges made against him and that the President has decided on his appointment.

It is expected that the changes made by the appointment of the two officers named will be utilized for the promotion and retirement of several other officers. Out of the long list of applications for retirement from the Quartermaster's department, Col. S. W. Groves, judge advocate general's department; Col. E. B. Atwood, John Simpson, D. D. Wheeler, F. H. Haskins, and J. W. Jacobs, quartermaster's department; Col. C. A. Woodruff, subsistence department; Col. Charles Smart, P. J. A. Cleary, Calvin De Witt, medical department; Col. H. C. Cox, pay department; Col. Peter C. Hains, C. R. Suter and J. A. Smith, Corps of Engineers, and Col. Alfred Mordcaid, Ordnance department. With these applications have been received similar requests from nearly every colonel of the line who had service during the civil war.

WILL GO ON A CRUISE.

Mrs. Roosevelt and the Children to Sail on the Mayflower.

Although it is not probable that the President will be able to take a cruise on the naval yacht Mayflower at this time, it is settled that the vessel will be used by Mrs. Roosevelt and the children for a short cruise in Chesapeake bay, and possibly to take them to their summer home at Oyster Bay. The party will start from the navy yard here on the 28th instant, only a few days before the President's departure for the west.

Mrs. Roosevelt's health, while not causing concern to her family and physicians, is not so good as it was some time ago. A cruise in the Mayflower was planned for the benefit of the sea air.

COLUMBIA RIVER JETTY.

Plans of Engineer Board Approved by Secretary Root.

Secretary Root today approved the plans recommended by the army engineer board, consisting of Maj. Marshall and Burr and Capt. Sanford, Gillette and McKinstry, for the extension of the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river. The plans contemplate extending the jetty two and a half miles out to sea. The jetty is now four miles long. The government has been given a channel of forty feet will be calculated across the bar with the completion of the work projected, and the estimated cost is \$2,500,000.

Congress has authorized the expenditure of \$1,500,000 for improvements at the mouth of the Columbia. The government transport Grant is being converted into a dredging ship, and it is expected that she will be ready for service in June or July, when dredging for such claimants to file a new application for pension subsequent to July 1, 1902.

The application of these veterans filed previously to that date gives them a legal status as pension claimants. The decision was the last one signed by Assistant Secretary Campbell before relinquishing that office. The department holds that claimants who had been pensioned and afterward dropped from the rolls because of such service are entitled to restoration and that those who had claims pending which were rejected under a departmental decision in 1884 are entitled to have their claims adjudicated on their merits, notwithstanding previous confederate service.

STATUS AS CLAIMANTS.

Decision Regarding Soldiers Who Served in the Confederate Army.

The Interior Department has decided that the bar to allowance of pension to soldiers who served in the Union army during the civil war, and who had previously served in the confederate army, is removed by section 1 of the joint resolution of July 1, 1902, relating to the pensionable status of such soldiers, and it is held to be unnecessary for such claimants to file a new application for pension subsequent to July 1, 1902.

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ATTACHED TO THE SCOUTS.

Colored Soldier of Washington Commissioned as Second Lieutenant.

Lieut. David J. Gilmer, a colored soldier of this city, has been commissioned by the President a second lieutenant in the Philippine Scouts to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieut. Jose Maria del Rosario, a native Filipino, who has gone into other business. This appointment was made by the President in accordance with the recent promise to Senator Pritchard of North Carolina that Lieutenant Gilmer should have the first vacancy in the Philippine Scouts. Action was taken on Lieutenant Rosario's resignation yesterday. Lieutenant Gilmer's appointment followed at once. The appointment is credited to North Carolina, which was Lieutenant Gilmer's former home, although he has resided in this city for some time, being employed in the office of the recorder of deeds of the District.

During the insurrection in the Philippines Lieutenant Gilmer was first lieutenant of the 4th United States Infantry, a volunteer organization, and made an excellent record. Another colored officer in that regiment, Capt. Edward L. Baker, is now a second lieutenant in the Philippine Scouts, and Lieut. Gilmer is the only colored officer in the organization. Second Lieut. Corputo Tatala and Pedro Lora—two of whom were in the command of the ranks by conspicuous gallantry in action.

Army Officers Exchange Places.

Major George A. Dodd, 14th Cavalry, and Major Hugh L. Scott, 3d Cavalry, have exchanged places. Major Dodd, who has been relieved from treatment at the general hospital, Washington barracks, has been ordered to the department of the Dakota for assignment to a station.

Death of Capt. Bourie.

PORT WAYNE, Ind., March 17.—Capt. Louis T. Bourie, whose family has been connected with the history of Fort Wayne since the time of Gen. Anthony Wayne, is dead here. He was a descendant of the old French family of settlers of northern Indiana, and was born in the old council house in 1829.

When a prospective purchaser sees the advertisement of a business concern in a reputable publication like The Evening Star, it fixes that concern's identity, gives it a standing. With such introduction the transaction of business is an open book.

HE HEARD VOICES

Alleged Statement of Burdick's Furnace Man.

KNEW WOMAN'S VOICE

SHE WAS TALKING TO MAN IN CELLAR.

Latter Seemed Startled When He Heard Noise Made by Brookman's Shovel.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 17.—The authorities have learned that Mrs. Edwin L. Burdick had assigned a portion of the insurance held by her husband. In the first place, it is said, half of the estimated \$35,000 was made payable to the children. Less than one-half originally written in Mrs. Burdick's favor, probably \$10,000, was in small policies, and it is said a portion of this was assigned by Mrs. Burdick to her husband. The assigned policies thereupon became part of his estate. All she will receive from his estate is her dower in one-third of his realty and the small amount of insurance made payable to her that she did not assign. The authorities will not say whether the assignment was made before or after the divorce proceedings were begun.

The inquest in the Burdick murder case will be continued this afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock. The district attorney declined to say this morning who would be the first witness, but as from the outset he has been questioning the members of the Burdick household, and as Mrs. Burdick is the only woman with whom he has been connected with the house who has not been on the stand, it is presumed that she will be the first witness.

What the Furnace Man Knows. In his examination of Margaret Murray and Mrs. Hull last Saturday the district attorney laid particular stress upon questions relative to persons in the Burdick cellar on the morning of the murder. Miss Murray testified that she knew of no one in the cellar except Miss Koenig, another of the servants, and Alfred Brookman, an elderly man who at times had cared for the furnace in the Burdick home. Mrs. Hull made no mention of having been in the cellar. Brookman attended to the furnace in the Burdick home.

Brookman is said to have made a statement to the police that he heard the voices of a man and woman in the cellar, and that he recognized the voice of the woman but not that of the man. The couple talked in low tones, Brookman is quoted as saying, and when he took up a shovel to dig under the furnace, the woman replied: "Oh, that is only the man who takes care of the furnace. They talked for a moment more and then went upstairs. Brookman said he had been told that Mr. Burdick was sick, and that he had been told that the last testimony given before the coroner's jury yesterday will be found in another column of The Star."

Admiral Coghlan, who is Assistant Superintendent of Police Casca, District Attorney Coatsworth announced that Mrs. Seth T. Paine would be the first witness to be called in the case. Dr. Paine, Adolph Carlson, the boarder at Mrs. Paine's home; Charles S. Parke, the business partner of Mr. Burdick, and Alfred Brookman.

STRIKES IN MISSOURI CITIES.

Employers Seek Aid From Chicago Unions and Associations.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Business men of Kansas City, St. Louis have called on Chicago unions to help them with the labor disputes, which are now blocking the course of commerce in two Missouri cities. The fame of the Chicago board of arbitration, composed of Rev. John C. Brainerd, president of the Teamsters' National Union, are the men invited to take a hand at St. Louis and Kansas City. The invitation was made by the board of arbitration, which is now working on the case of the St. Louis streetcar men, who were Mr. Driscoll to tell them about arbitration from the employers' side, and President Wood to tell them about arbitration from the strikers' side. The board of arbitration is now working on the case of the St. Louis streetcar men, who were Mr. Driscoll to tell them about arbitration from the employers' side, and President Wood to tell them about arbitration from the strikers' side.

WILL LEAVE NEXT WEEK.

Gen. Wood Expected to Arrive at Manila in June.

Gen. Wood has arranged to leave here Thursday of next week in order to embark on the steamer